

# RECLAMATION

*Managing Water in the West*

## Nonstructural Hazards Mitigation:

### Identification, Quantification and Mitigation



U.S. Department of the Interior  
Bureau of Reclamation

# Presentation Topics

What are Nonstructural Components

Why are they Hazardous

Target Buildings Guidelines

Reclamation's Approach to Nonstructural  
Hazards Mitigation



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# Nonstructural Components

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Research in Earthquake Engineering

Wood Frame Structure with Nonstructural  
Components



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# Why mitigate the nonstructural hazards?

- Prevent falling hazards



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# Why mitigate the nonstructural hazards?

- Ensure clear egress routes

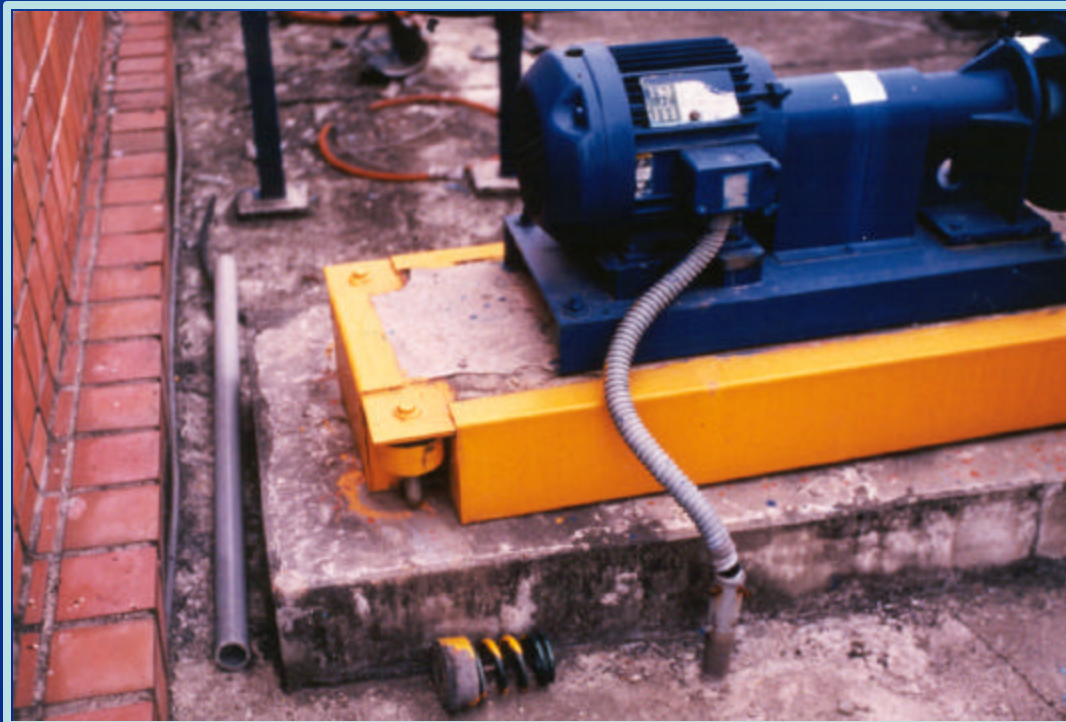


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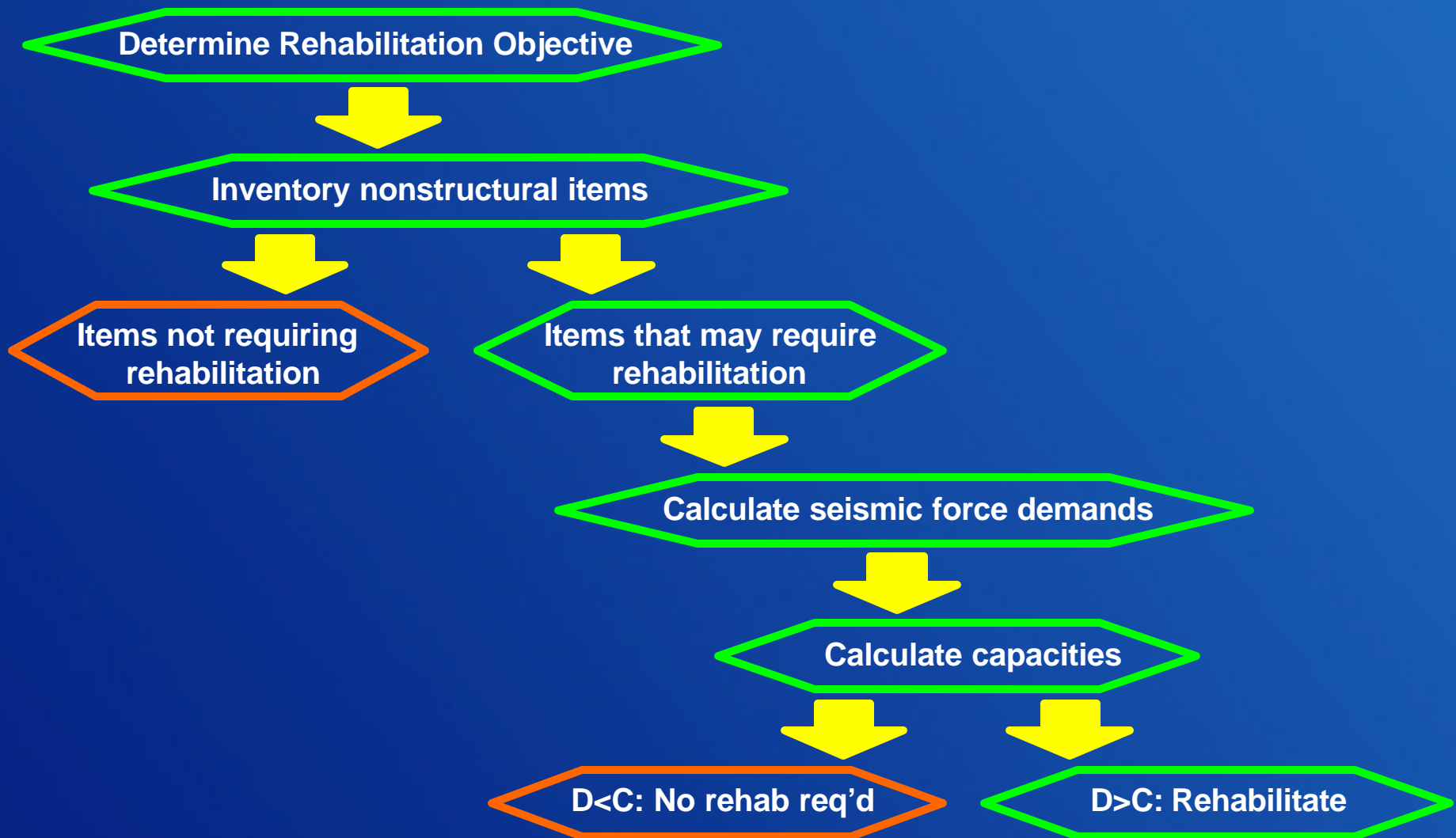
# Why mitigate the nonstructural hazards?

- Maintain emergency & lifeline utilities
  - Power, water, gas, telephone



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# Seismic Rehabilitation Process



# Component Categorization

- ✓ Not part of the structural system –
- ✓ 4 Component Categories
  - ✓ Architectural
  - ✓ Mechanical Equipment
  - ✓ Electrical and Communications
  - ✓ Furnishings and Interior Equipment



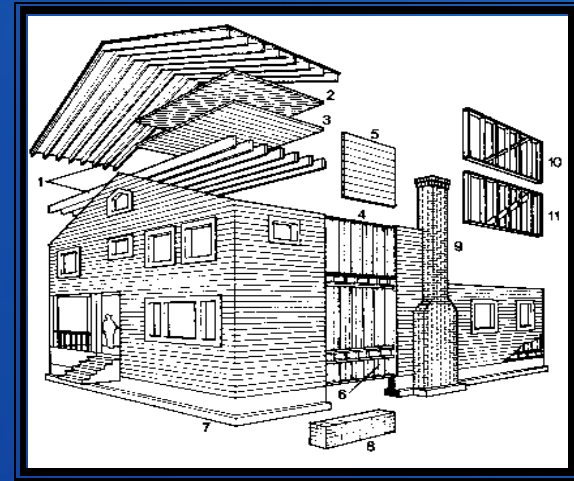


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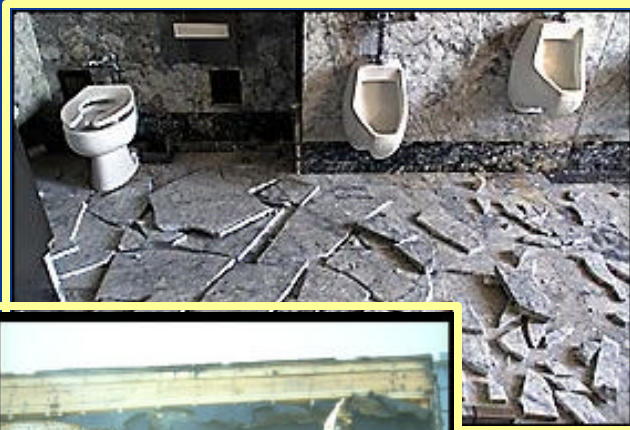
## Sub-Categories or Components

### Architectural Components

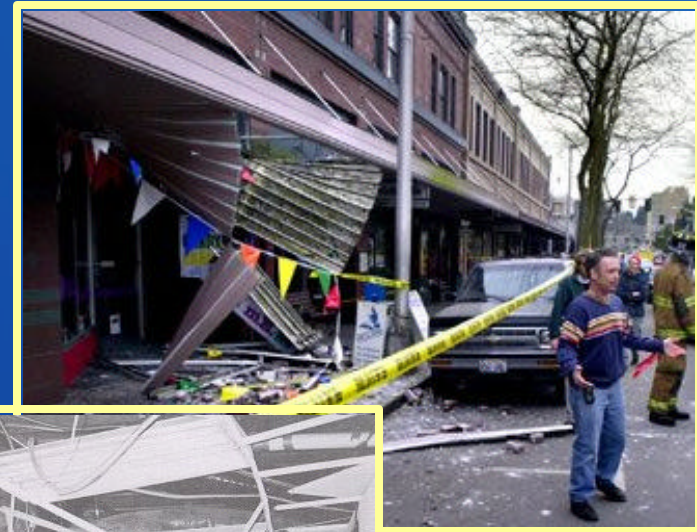
- ✓ Interior and Exterior Wall Elements
- ✓ Partitions
- ✓ Ceilings
- ✓ Parapets/Appendages
- ✓ Canopies or Marquees
- ✓ Chimneys
- ✓ Stairs



# Architectural Component Hazards



Wall Elements



Canopies



Ceilings

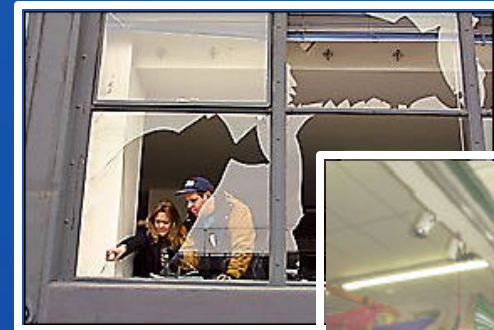
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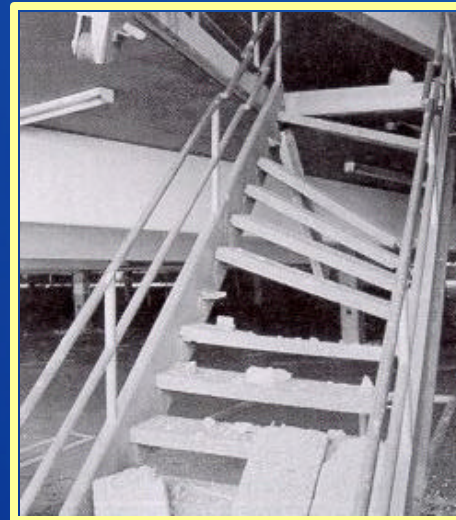
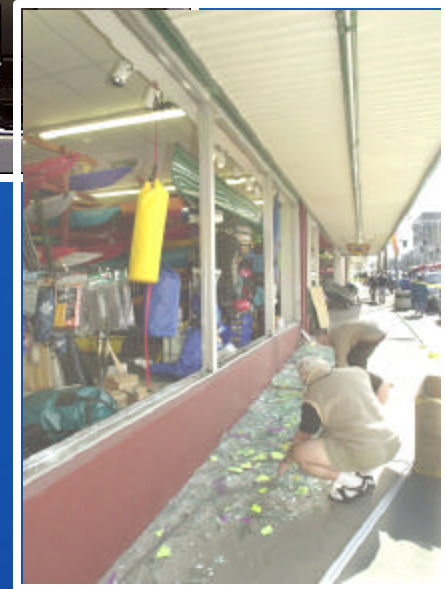
# Architectural Component Hazards



Chimneys



Glazing



Stairs

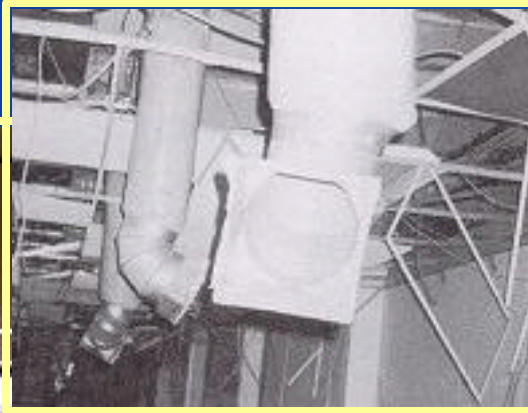
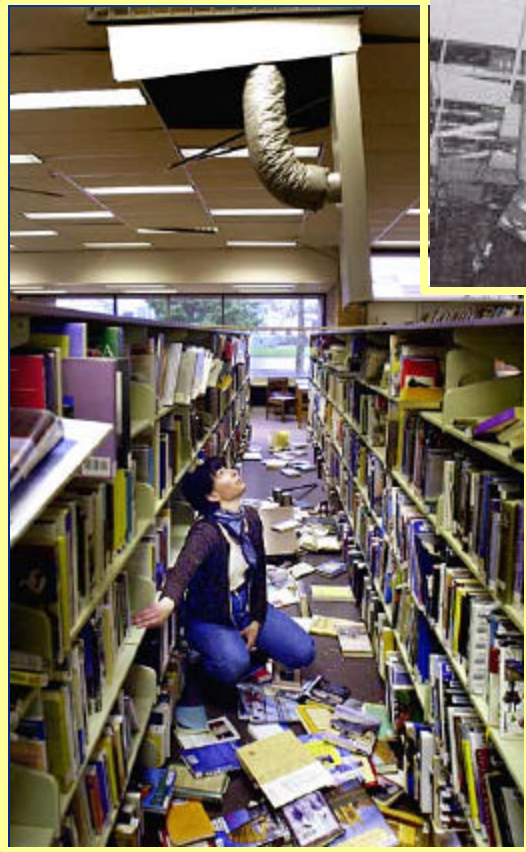
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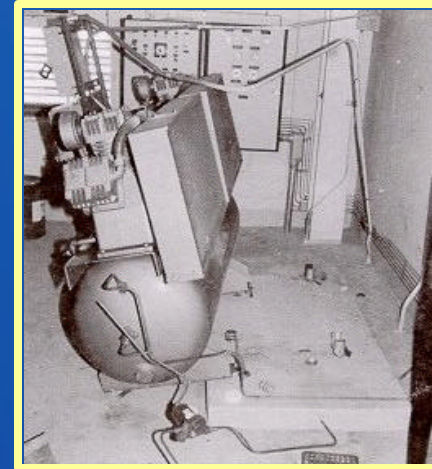
## Mechanical Equipment

- ✓ Storage Vessels and Water Heaters, HVAC
- ✓ Piping
  - ✓ Hazardous or non-hazardous
- ✓ Ductwork

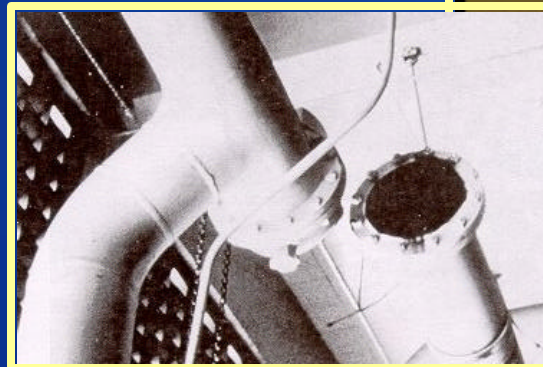
# Mechanical Equipment Hazards



HVAC



Equipment



Piping

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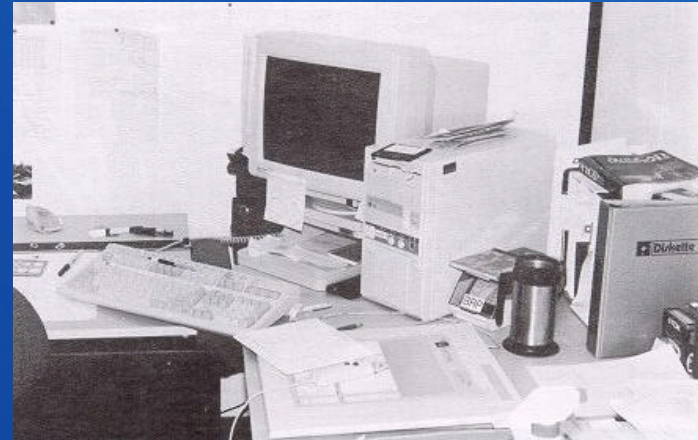
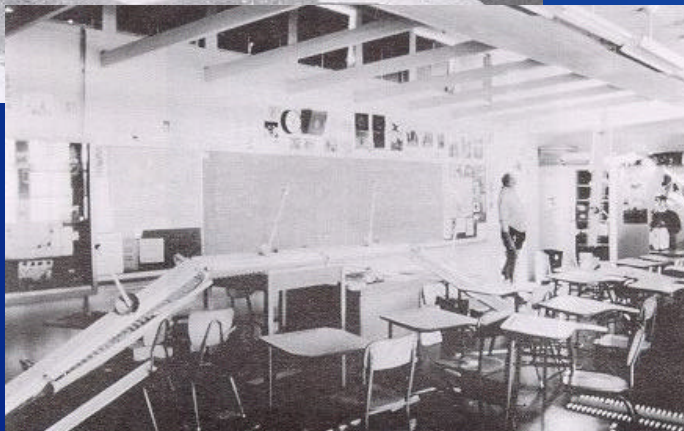
## Electrical and Communications

- ✓ Equipment
- ✓ Distribution
- ✓ Light Fixtures
  - ✓ Recessed, surface-mounted, suspended ceiling system and pendant

# Electrical and Communication Systems Hazards



**Lighting**



**Computers**

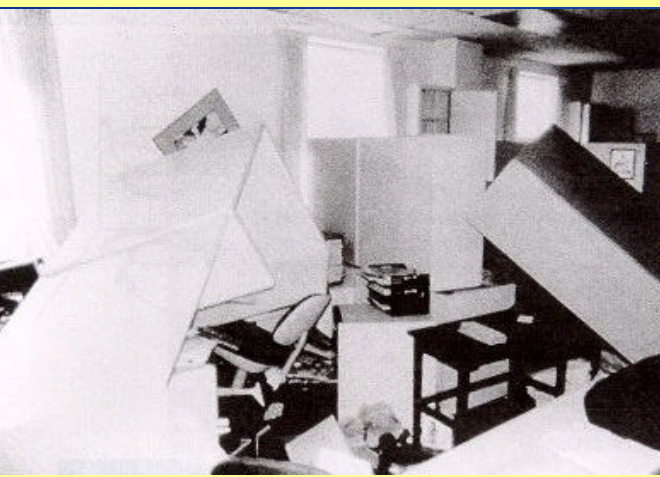
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## Furnishings and Interior Equipment

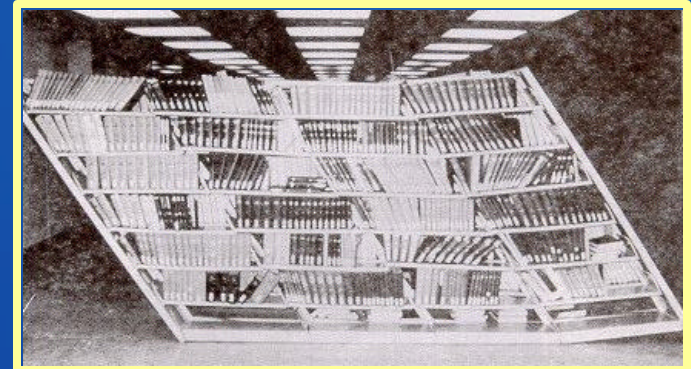
- ✓ Storage Racks, Bookcase
- ✓ Hazardous Material Storage
- ✓ Furnishings
- ✓ Computer and Communication Racks
- ✓ Elevators and Conveyors



# Furnishings and Interior Equipment Hazards



Bookcases

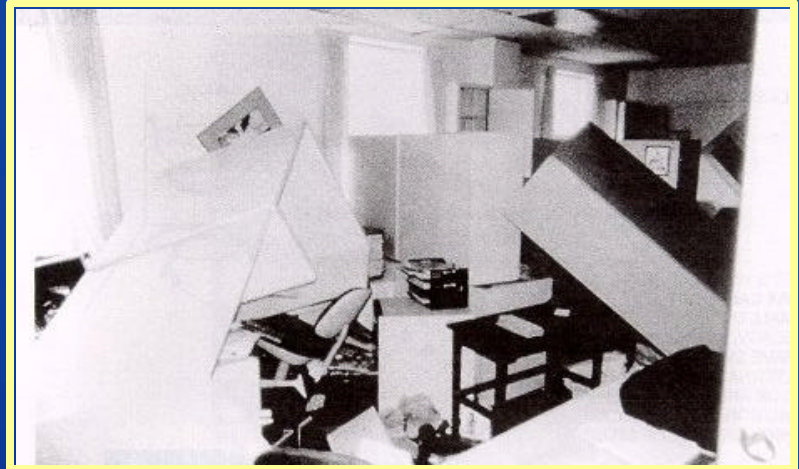


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# Performance Expectations Nonstructural Components

## Safety Performance

- ✓ Level of Component Performance
- ✓ Base Performance is Safe Egress



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# Safety Performance

## Life Safety Performance Level

Higher Performance

Less Loss

More Cost

Performance Range

Fully Functional ..... EQ Causes NO DAMAGE

Immediate Occupancy ..... EQ Causes MINOR  
DAMAGE but Building is  
completely operational

**Life Safety..... EQ Causes SERIOUS  
DAMAGE but Safe Occupant  
Egress is provided**

Hazards Reduced .....EQ Causes SERIOUS  
DAMAGE but Building  
does not Collapse - Other  
loss is accepted

Lower Performance

More Loss

Less Cost

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# Performance Expectations

## Nonstructural Components

### Economic Performance

- ✓ Business Disruption
- ✓ Component Repair
- ✓ Component Replacement

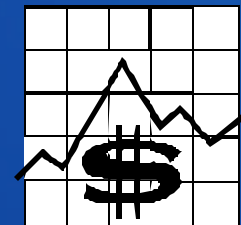
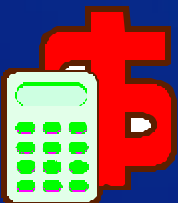
# Economic Performance

## Considerations

- ✓ Benefit Cost Ratio – Cost / Benefit should be greater than 1
  - ✓ Average Cost for Repair  
\$ 5.92 / sq ft (Study done after Northridge)
  - ✓ Cost for Business Interruption with Extensive Damage  
\$ 25.21 / sq ft (Study done after Northridge)
  - ✓ Average Cost for Mitigation Nonstructural Components  
\$ 3.30 / sq ft (FEMA 157)

**Benefit Cost Ratio:**

$$(25.21 + 5.92) / 3.3 = \underline{9.43}$$



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# How Much Does it Cost?

- ✓ Labor and Material Costs of.....\$25 Mitigation
- ✓ Cost of Material Replacement..\$900
- ✓ Cost of Down Time.....\$500

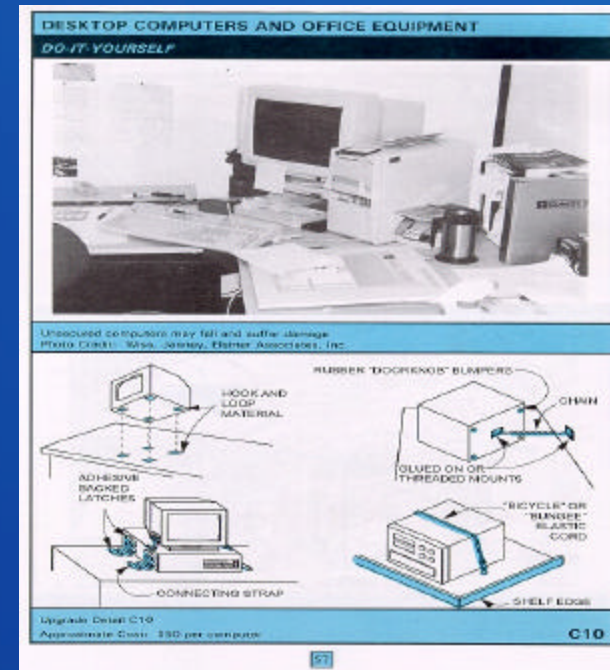


Benefit Cost Ratio:

$$1400/25 = \underline{56}$$

Does not include:

Loss of Data  
Loss of Productivity  
Loss of Business



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# Failure Mechanisms

## Component Hazard Classification

- ✓ Acceleration Sensitive
- ✓ Deformation Sensitive
- ✓ Overturning

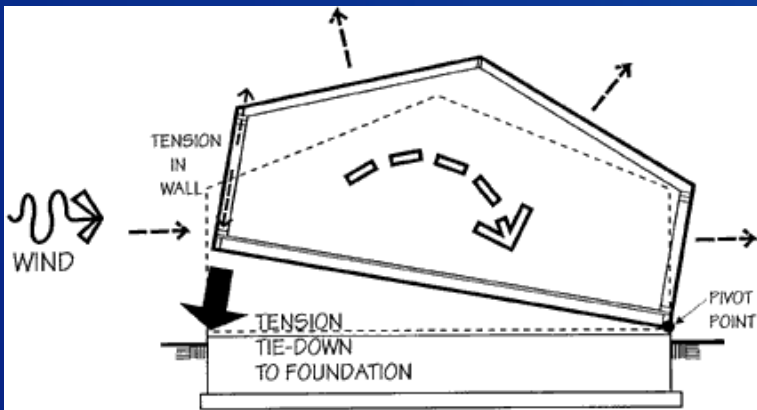


Fig. 10 - OVERTURNING

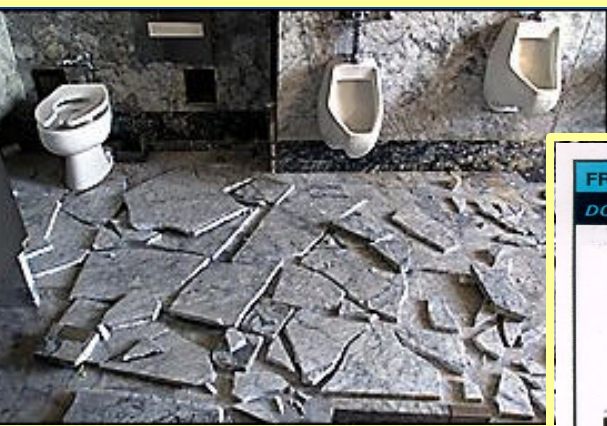


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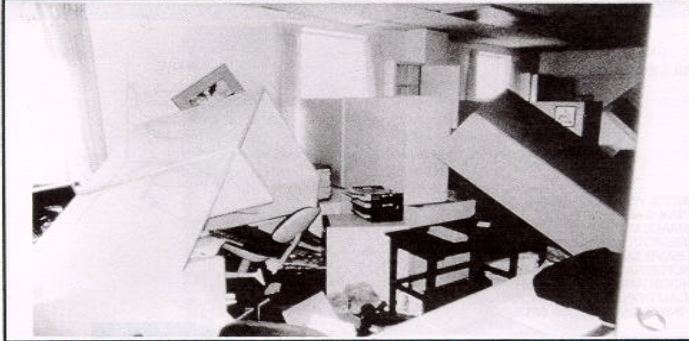
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## Wall Elements

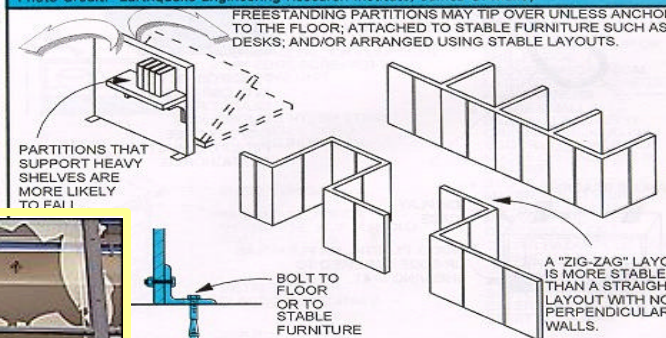


### FREESTANDING HALF-HEIGHT PARTITIONS

DO-IT-YOURSELF

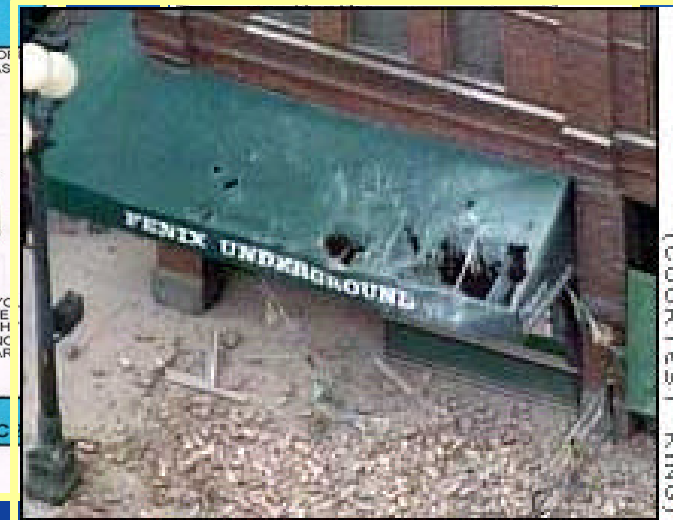
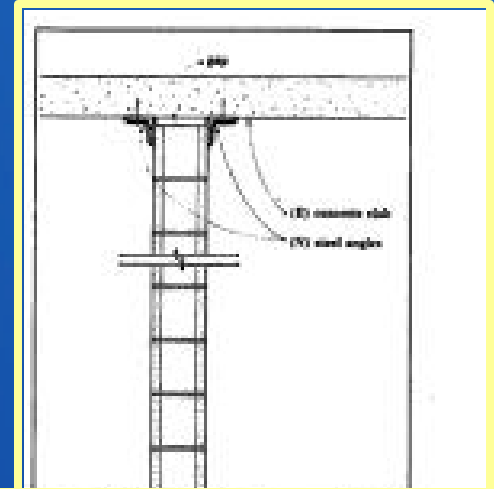


Partition damage at Veterans Administration Medical Center in Sepulveda.  
Earthquake Damage: 1994, Northridge, California  
Photo Credit: Earthquake Engineering Research Institute, James O. Malley



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st: \$10 per lineal foot

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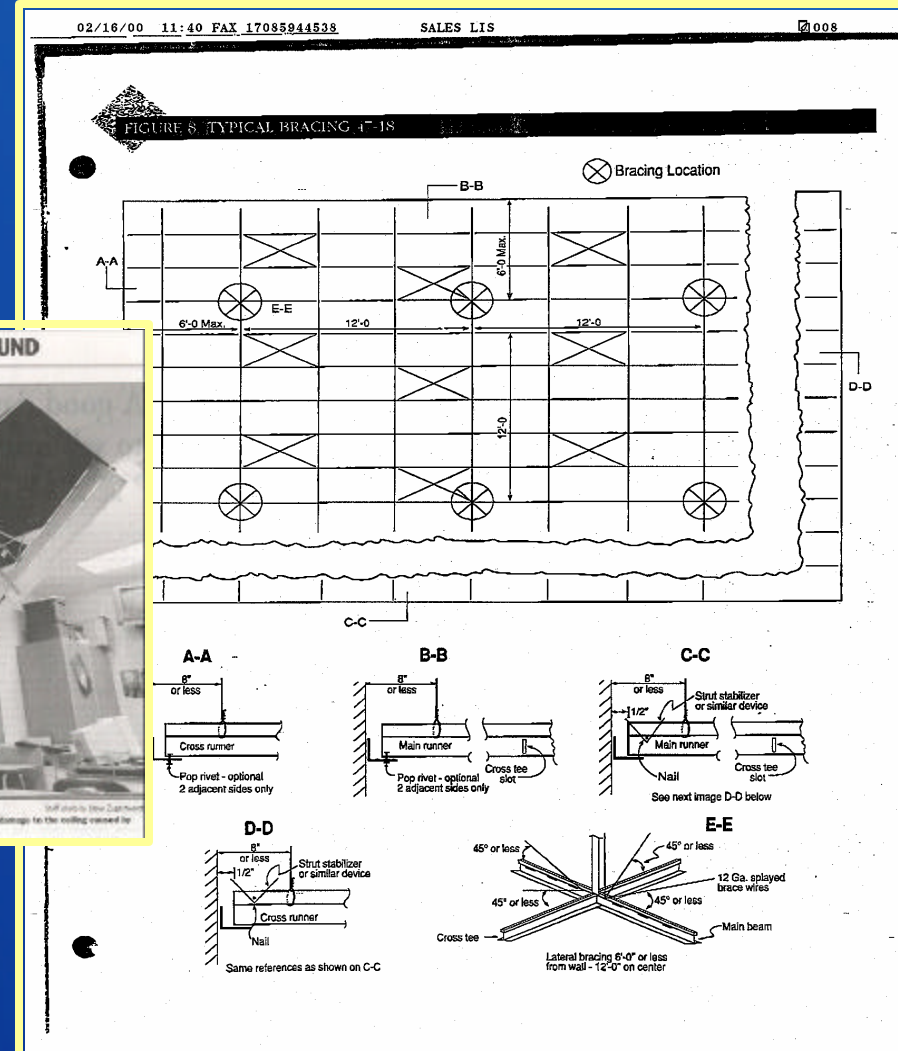
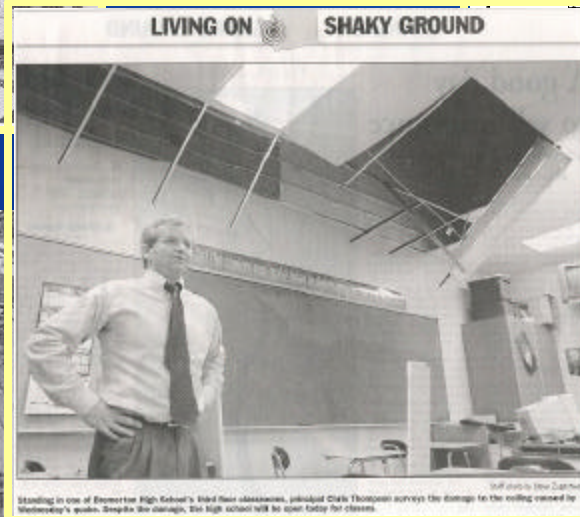
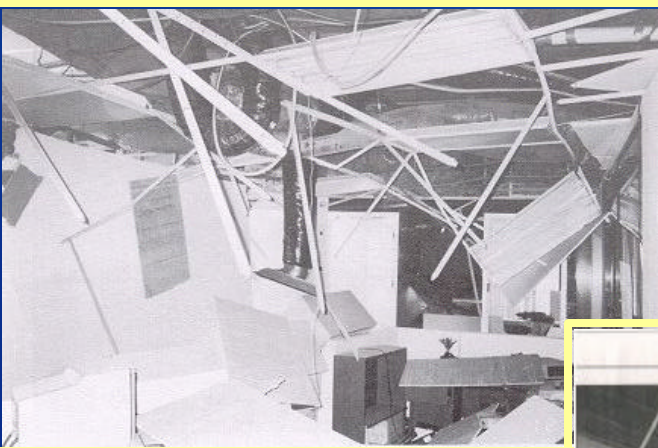
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# Architectural Component

## Ceilings

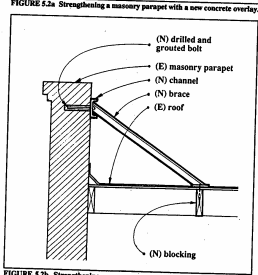
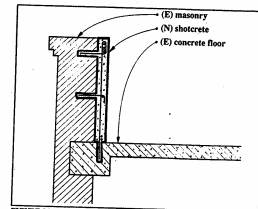
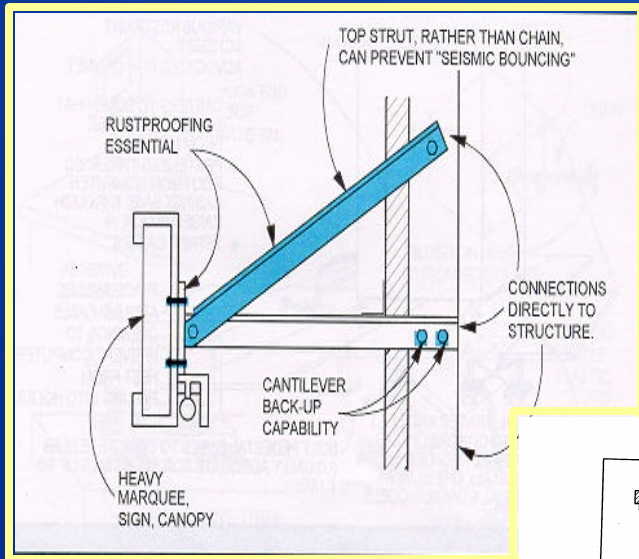


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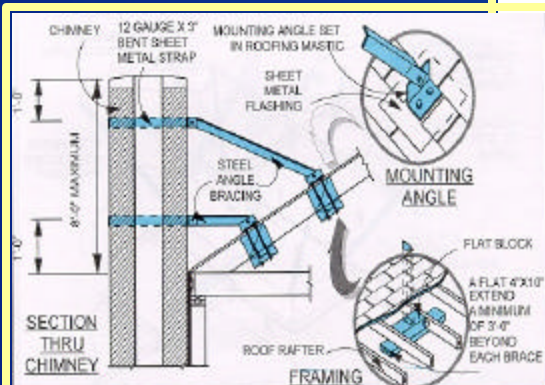
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Parapets/Appendages  
Canopies or Marquees  
Chimneys



Source: FEMA 172

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Upgrade Detail U38 (Recommended only for areas of low to moderate seismicity).  
A approximate Cost: \$1,000

U38

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# Architectural Component

## Stairs and Stair Enclosures

**URM WALLS:** Walls around stair enclosures consisting of hollow clay tile or unreinforced masonry shall be braced to the structure for seismic forces. (Tier 2: Sec. 4.8.10.1).

**STAIR DETAILS:** In moment frame structures, the connections between the stairs and the structure shall not rely on shallow anchors in concrete. Alternatively, the stair details shall be capable of accommodating the drift calculated using the Quick Check Procedure of Section 3.5.3.1 without inducing tension in the anchors. (Tier 2: Sec. 4.8.10.2).

# Nonstructural Components

## Mechanical Equipment

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# Mechanical Components

## Mechanical Equipment

### Storage Vessels and Water Heaters

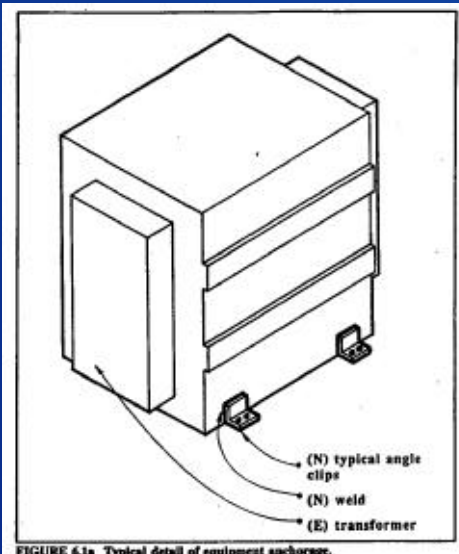


FIGURE 6.1a Typical detail of equipment anchorage.

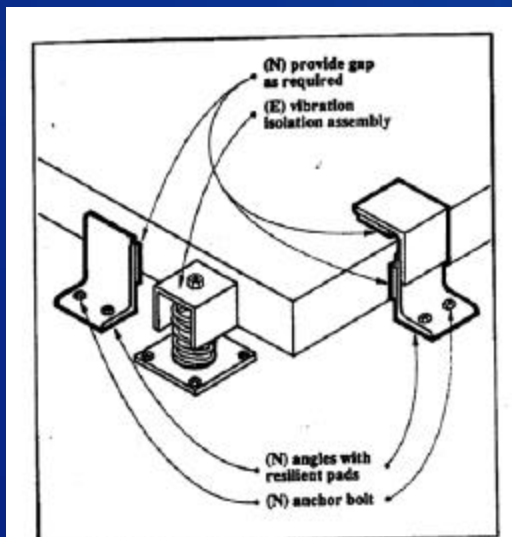
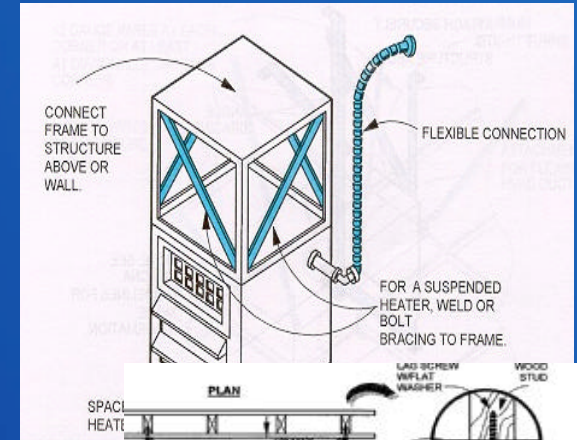
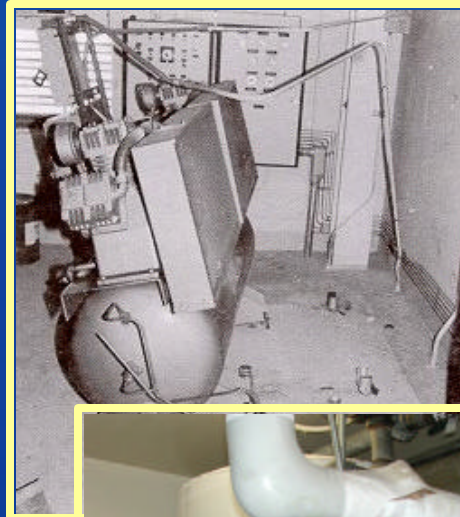
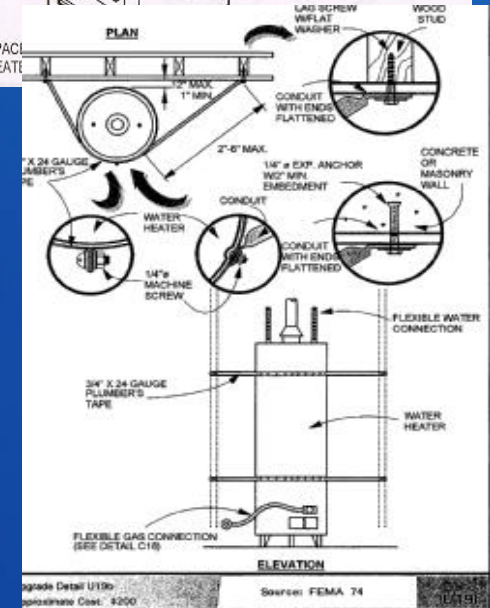


FIGURE 6.1d Solismic restrainers added to existing equipment with vibration isolation.



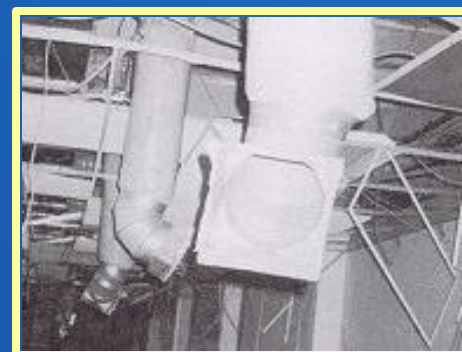
# Mechanical Components

Pressure Piping

Fire Suppression Piping

Fluid Piping, not Fire Suppression

Ductwork



**PIPING**

**ENGINEERING REQUIRED**

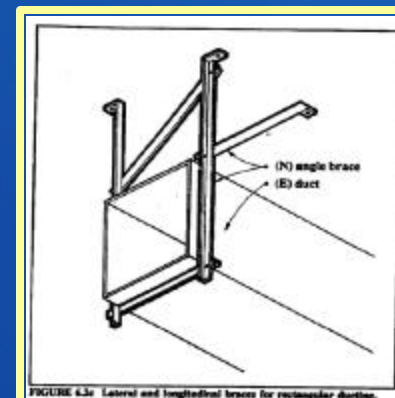
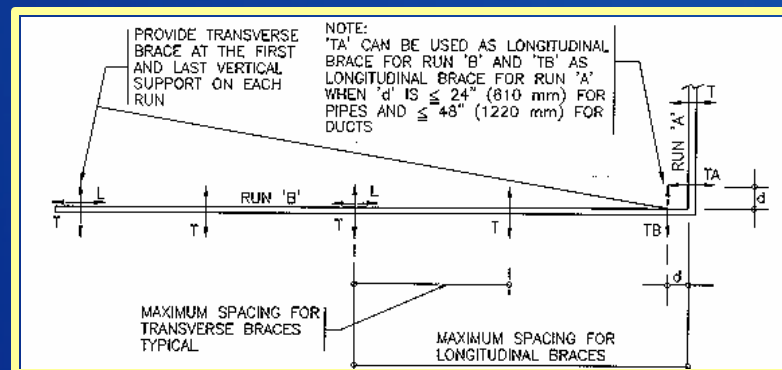
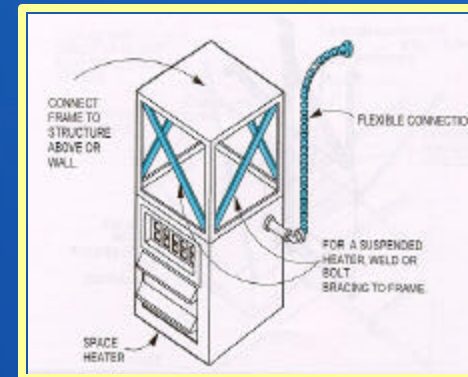
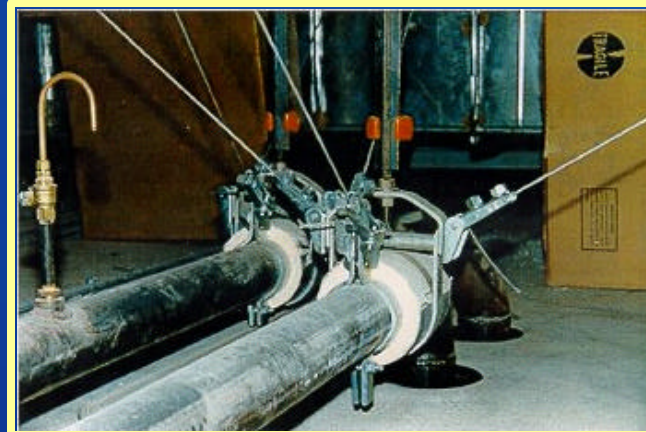
Earthquake Damage: 1921, San Fernando, California  
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ANGLE BRACE  
PIPE  
PIPE CLAMP  
TRANSVERSE BRACING  
ANGLE BRACE  
PIPE  
LONGITUDINAL BRACING

Schmidts Upgrade Detail U21  
Approximate Cost: \$200 - \$500 per brace

**U21**

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# Nonstructural Components

## Electrical and Communications

- ✓ Equipment
- ✓ Light Fixtures





# Electrical and Communication Systems

## Equipment Distribution Equipment Light Fixtures

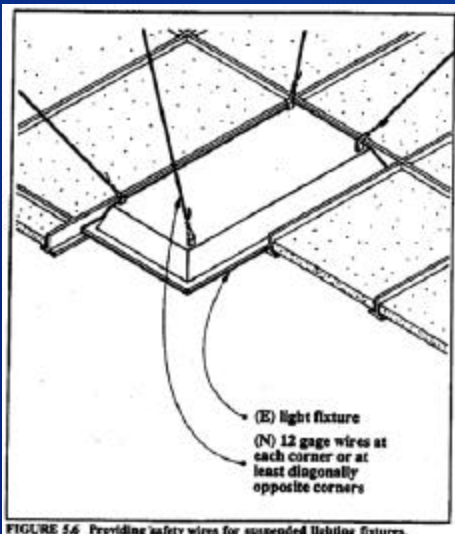
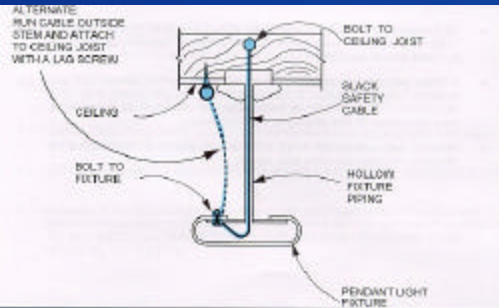
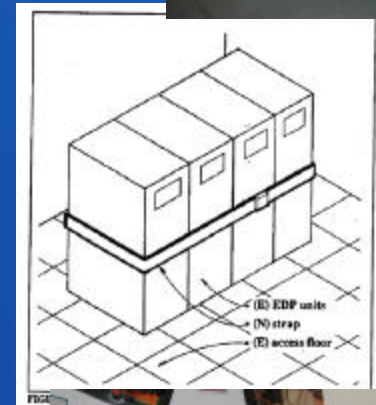


FIGURE 5.6 Providing safety wires for suspended lighting fixtures.



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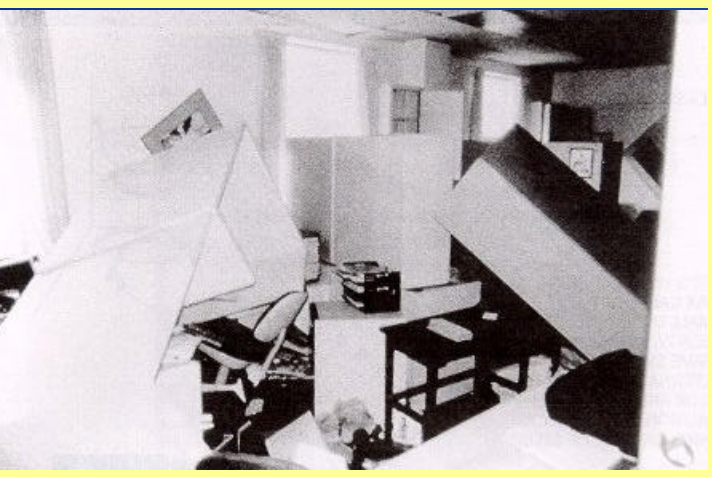
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- ✓ Storage Racks, Bookcase
- ✓ Hazard Material Storage
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# Furnishings and Interior Equipment



## Storage Racks, File Cabinets, Bookcases

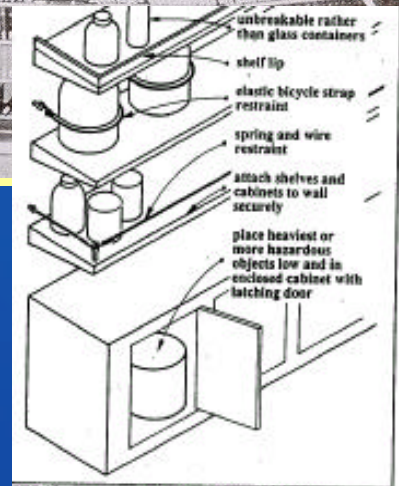
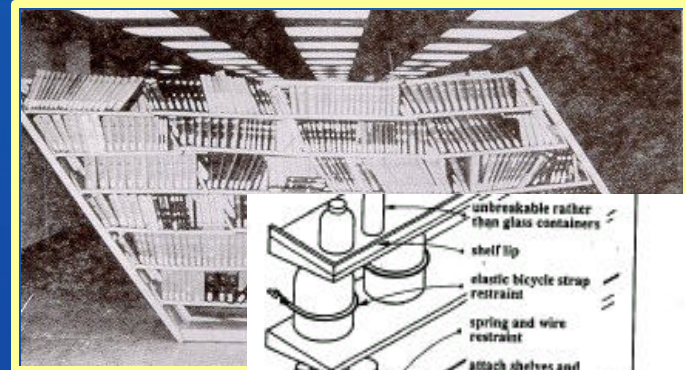


FIGURE 4.5a Protective measures for hazardous materials.



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DIESEL FUEL TANK

ENGINEERING REQUIRED

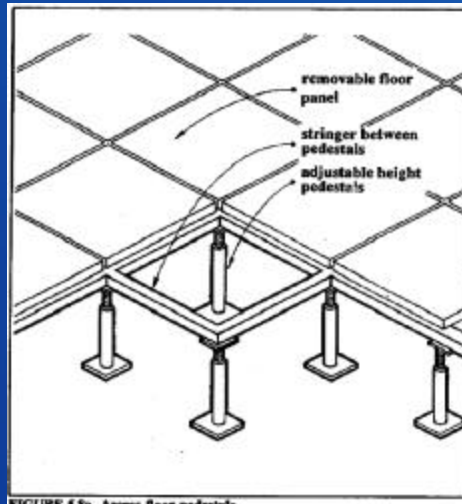
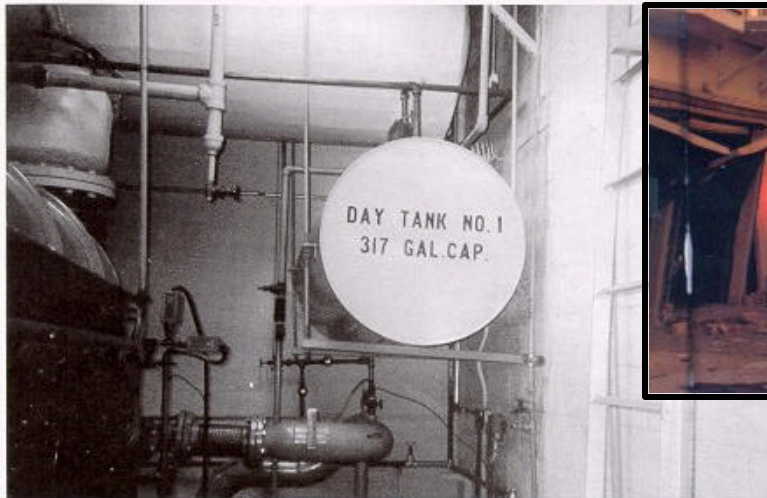


FIGURE 4.8a Access floor pedestals

Computer Access Floors

Hazardous Material Storage



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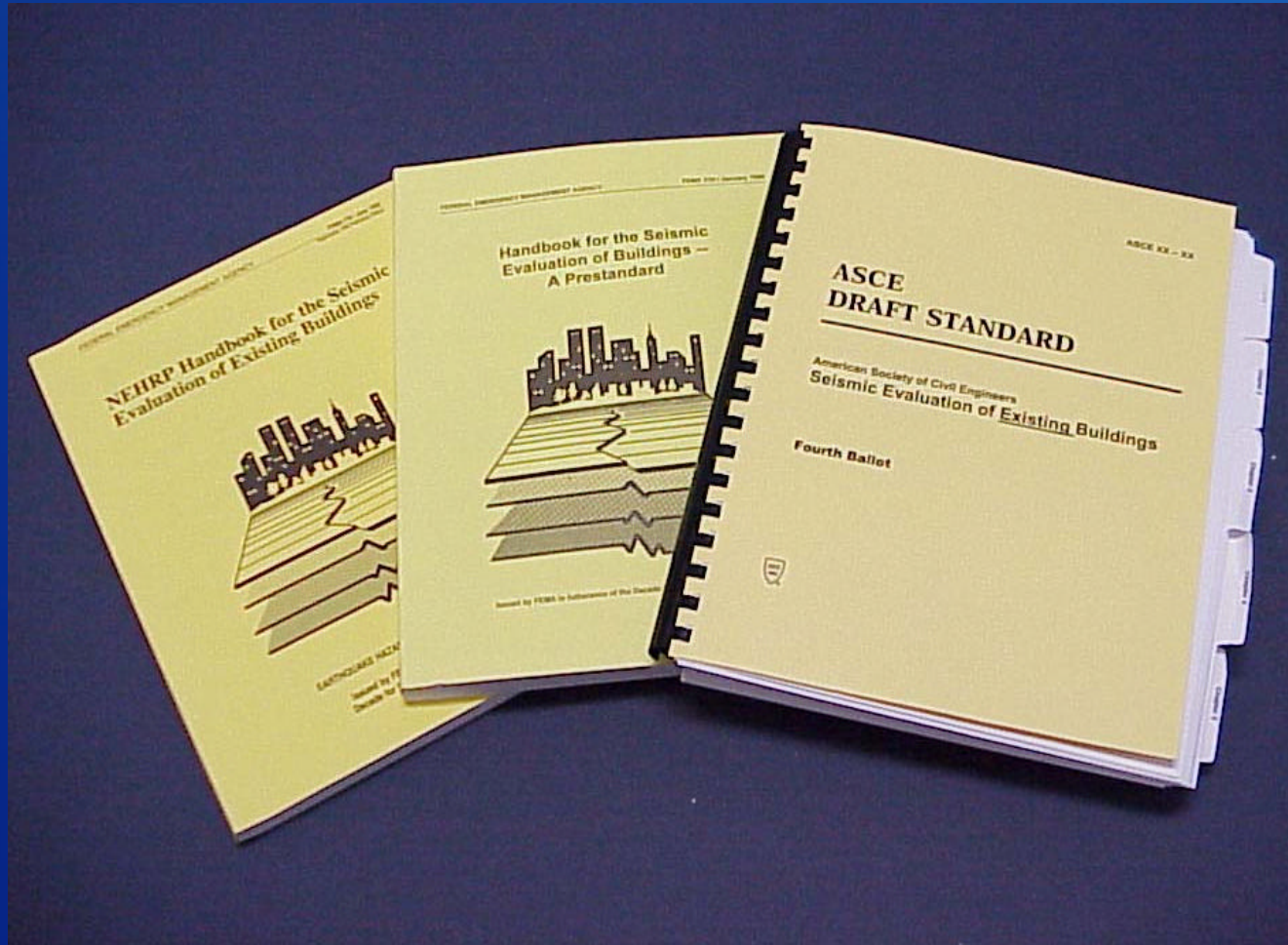
## Elevators and Conveyors



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# Hazard Identification Tools



## Cursory ID

- FEMA 178
- FEMA 310
- ASCE 31

# Seismic Evaluation Check List

## Ceiling Systems

**C NC N/A EDGES:** The edges of integrated suspended ceilings shall be separated from enclosing walls by a minimum of ½". (Tier 2: Sec. 4.8.2.5)

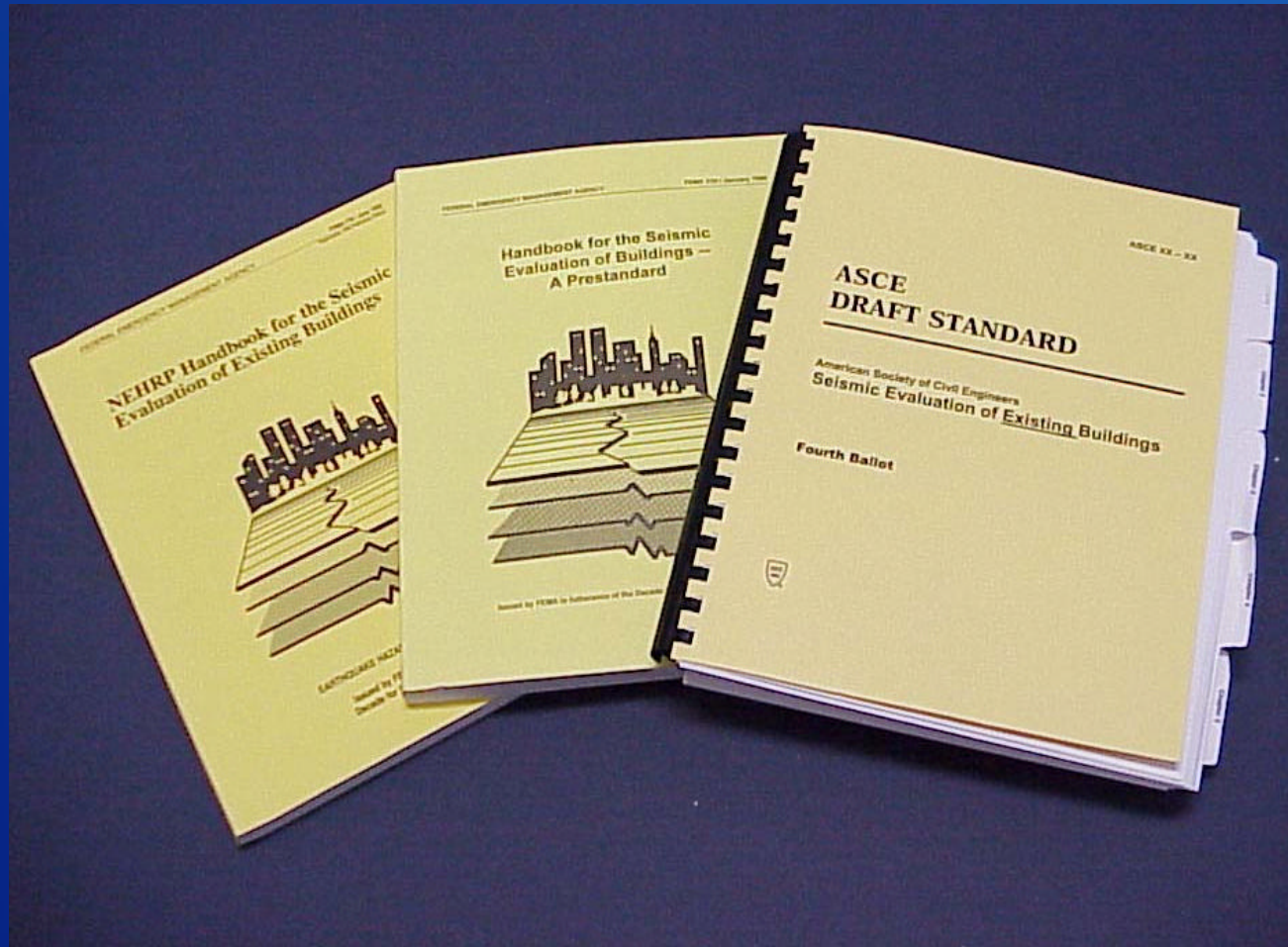
**C NC N/A SEISMIC JOINT:** The ceiling system shall not extend continuously across any seismic joint. (Tier 2: Sec. 4.8.2.6)

### Check lists do not...

- ✓ Consider economic issues
- ✓ Consider other mitigation techniques
- ✓ Provide complete list of nonstructural components
- ✓ Quantify hazards

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# Hazard Identification Tools



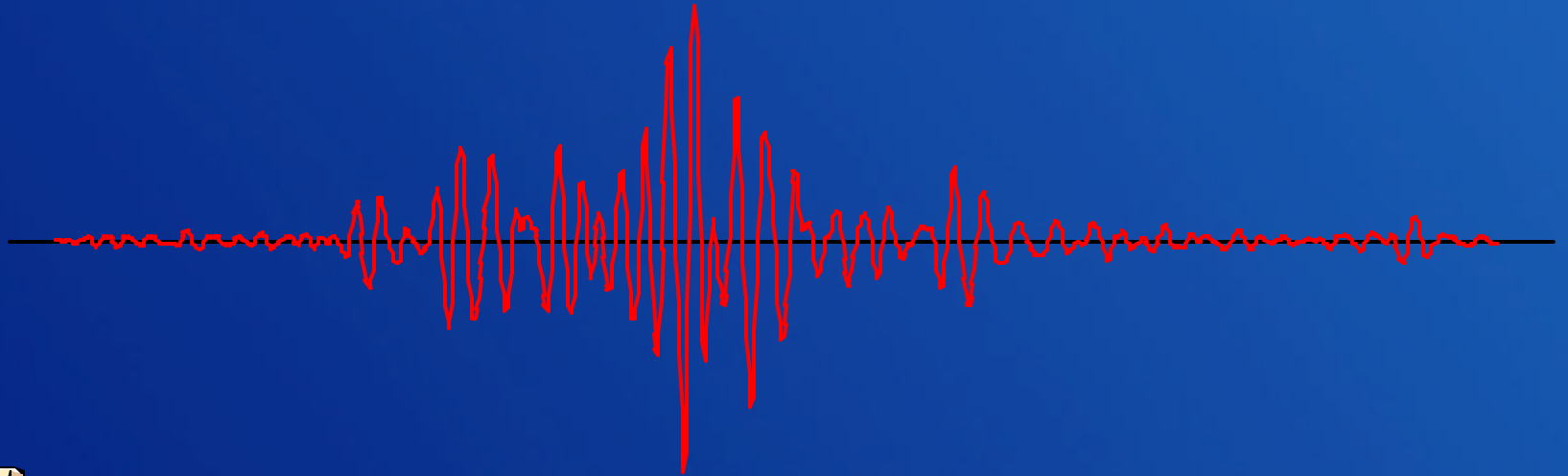
## Final ID

- FEMA 356
- FEMA 174
- CA



# Reclamations' Approach to Nonstructural Hazards Mitigation:

## Identification, Quantification and Mitigation



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# Nonstructural Components

## Nonstructural Hazards Quantification (NHQ)

### Identify, Quantify and Mitigate

- ✓ Room-by-room itemization of nonstructural hazards
- ✓ Classify components
- ✓ Evaluation
- ✓ Categorizes type of repair:
  - Mitigation by Relocation
  - Mitigation by Operation & Maintenance (O&M)
  - Mitigation by others
- ✓ Provide recommendations for mitigation with references from NHRG

# Nonstructural Hazards Rehabilitation Guidelines

## Catalogs Hazards with Solutions

- ✓ Sections organized by FEMA 356 Chapter 11
- ✓ Details for product data and informative details
- ✓ Excellent reference for previous guidelines

## Database Driven

- ✓ Electronic database of all details and product cut sheets
- ✓ Easy to add, delete or update details or products
- ✓ Easy to add text (credits, page numbers or product info)

# Training

- ✓ Conferences or Seminars
- ✓ Regional Offices
- ✓ CD Based Automated Training

# Reclamation Risk Reduction Guidelines

## ✓ Building Selection

### ➤ High Risk

- Risk Determined by Seismic Evaluation

### ➤ High Zone

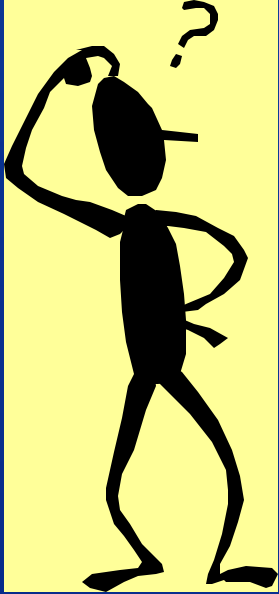
- Based on NEHRP B-C soil type (FEMA 154)



# N/S Hazards Implementation Plan

- ✓ BOR Regional Contacts
- ✓ Steps in the Process
  - N/S Hazards Quantification (NHQ)
  - N/S Hazards Rehabilitation Guideline (NHRG)
  - Training
- ✓ Building Selection
- ✓ Funding

# Nonstructural Hazards Mitigation: Identification, Quantification and Mitigation



Questions,  
Answers  
and



Program Internet Website

<http://www.usbr.gov/ssle/seismicsafety/>

Program Intranet Website

[http://intra.do.usbr.gov/seismic\\_safety/](http://intra.do.usbr.gov/seismic_safety/)

Discussion

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